THE CHARTER OF *MARY-LAND.*

CHARLES By the Grace of God, King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come greeting.

Whereas our right Truſty and wellbeloved Subject, *Cecilius Calvert*, Baron of *Baltemore* in our Kingdom of *Ireland*, Son & Heir of Sir *George Calvert* Knight, late Baron of *Baltemore* in the ſame Kingdom of *Ireland*, pur-

ſuing his Fathers Intentions, being excited with a laudable and pious Zeal for the Propagation of the Chriſtian Faith, & the Enlargement of our Empire and Dominion, hath humbly beſought leave of Us, by his Induſtry and charge, to tranſport an ample Colony of the *Engliſh* Nation unto a certain Country hereafter deſcribed, in the Parts of *America*, not yet cultivated & planted, tho' in ſome Parts thereof inhabited by certain barbarous People, having no Knowledge of Almighty God, and hath humbly beſought our Royal Majeſty to give, grant, and confirm all the ſaid Country, with certain Priviledges and Juriſdictions, requiſit for the good Government, and State of his Colony, and Country aforeſaid, to him and his Heirs for ever.

The Bounds. Know ye therefore, that We favouring the pious and Noble Purpoſe of the ſaid Barons of *Baltemore*, of our ſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, have given, granted, and confirmed, and by this our preſent Charter, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do give, grant, and confirm unto the ſaid *Cecilius*, now Baron of *Baltemore*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, all that Part of a *Peninſula*, lying in the parts of *America*, between the Ocean on the Eaſt, and the Bay of *Cheſopeack* on the Weſt, & divided from the other part thereof, by a right line drawn from

from the Promontory or Cape of Land called *Watkins Point* (ſituate in the foreſaid Bay, near the River of *Wighco*) on the Weſt, unto the main Ocean on the Eaſt; and between that bound on the South, unto that part of *Deleware* bay on the North, which lieth under the Fortieth Degree of Northerly Latitude from the Equinoctial, where *New-England* ends: And all that tract of land between the bounds aforeſaid, that is to ſay, paſſing from the foreſaid bay, called *Deleware* bay, in a right line by the Degree aforeſaid, unto the true Meridian of the firſt Fountain of the River *Pattowmeck*, and from thence trending toward the South unto the farther bank of the foreſaid River, & following the Weſt and South Side thereof unto a certain Place called *Cinquack* ſituate near the Mouth of the ſaid river, where it falls into the bay of *Cheſopeack*, and from thence by a ſtrait line unto the foreſaid Promontory, and Place called *Watkins Point* (ſo that all that tract of land divided by the line aforeſaid, drawn between the main Ocean and *Watkins Point*, unto the Promontory called *Cape Charles*, & all its Appurtenances, do remain intirely excepted to us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors for ever.)

We do alſo grant and confirm unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, all Iſlands, and Ilets within the Limits aforeſaid,

and all and ſingular the Iſlands and Ilets, which are, or ſhall be in the Ocean, within 10 leagues from the Eaſtern Shore of the ſaid Country, towards the Eaſt, with all and ſingular Ports, Harbours, bays, Rivers, and Inlets, belonging unto the Country, or Iſlands aforeſaid: And all the Soile, Lands, Fields, Woods, Mountains, Fenns, Lakes, Rivers, Bays and Inlets, ſituate, or being within the bounds and limits aforeſaid, with the fiſhing of all Sorts of Fiſh, *Whales*, *Sturgeons*, & all other royal Fiſhes in the Sea, bays, Inlets or Rivers, within the Premiſes: & the Fiſh therein taken: & moreover all Veins, Mines, and Quarries, as well diſcovered, as not diſcovered, of Gold, Silver, Gems, and precious Stones, and all other whatſoever, be it of Stones, Mettals, or of any other thing, or Matter whatſoever, found or to be found, within the Country, Iſles, & Limits aforeſaid. And furthermore the Patronages and Advowſons of all Churches, which (as Chriſtian Religion ſhall encreaſe within the Countrey, Iſles, Ilets, and limits aforeſaid) ſhall happen hereafter to be erected: together with licence and power, to build & found Churches, Chappels, & Oratories, in convenient & fit places within the premiſes, and to cauſe them to be dedicated, and conſecrated according to the Eccleſiaſtical Laws of our Kingdom of *England*: *together with* all & ſingular

gular the like, and as ample Rights, Juriſdictions, Priviledges, Prerogatives, Royalties, Liberties, Immunities, Royal rights and Franchiſes of what kind ſoever temporal, as well by Sea, as by Land, within the Country, Iſles, Ilets, and limits aforeſaid; to have, exerciſe, uſe and enjoy the ſame, as amply as any Biſhop of *Durham*, within the Biſhoprick, or County *Palatine* of *Durham*, in our Kingdom of *England*, hath at any Time heretofore had, held, uſed, or enjoyed, or of Right ought, or might have had, held, uſed, or enjoyed.

Juriſdiction of a Count Palatine

And him the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, we do by theſe Preſents for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, make, create, and conſtitute the true and abſolute Lords, & Proprietaries of the Country aforeſaid, and of all other the Premiſes, (except before excepted) ſaving always, the Faith and Allegiance, and Sovereign Dominion due unto Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors.

To have, hold, poſſeſs, and enjoy the ſaid Country, Iſles, Ilets, and other the Premiſes, unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltimore*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, to the ſole and proper uſe and behoof of him the ſaid now Lord *Baltimore*, his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever.

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Tenure. To be holden of us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, Kings of *England*, as of our Caſtle of *Windſor*, in our County of *Berkſhire*, in free and common ſoccage, by Fealty only, for all Services, & not *in Capite*, or by Knights Service: Yielding & paying therefore to us, our Heirs

Rent. and Succeſſors, two *Indian* Arrows of thoſe Parts, to be delivered at our ſaid Caſtle of *Windſor*, every Year, on the Tueſday in *Eaſter* Week; and alſo the fifth Part of all Gold and Silver Oare within the limits aforeſaid, which ſhall from Time to Time happen to be found.

Now that the ſaid Country thus by us Granted and Deſcribed, may be Eminent above all other parts of the ſaid Territory, and dignified with larger Titles: Know ye that we of our farther Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, have thought fit to erect the ſame Country and Iſlands into a Province, as out of the Fullneſs of our Royal Power, and Prerogative, we do for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, erect, and incorporate them into a Province, and do call it *Maryland*, & ſo from henceforth will have it called.

And forasmuch as we have hereby made and ordained the foreſaid now Lord *Baltimore*, the true Lord, and Proprietary of all the Province aforeſaid: Know ye therefore moreover,

moreover, that we, repoſing eſpecial Truſt & Confidence in the Fidelity, Wiſdom, Juſtice, and provident Circumſpection of the ſaid now Lord *Baltimore*, for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do grant free, full, and abſolute power, by Vertue of theſe preſents, to him, and his Heirs, for the good & happy Government of the ſaid Province, to ordain, make, enact and under his and their Seals to publiſh any Laws whatſoever, appertaining either unto the publick State of the ſaid Province or unto the private Utility of particular Perſons, according unto their beſt Diſcretions, of and with the Adviſe, Aſſent and Approbation of the Free-men of the ſaid Province, or the greater Part of them, or of their Delegates or Deputies, whom for the enacting of the ſaid Laws, when, and as often as need ſhall require, we will that the ſaid now Lord *Baltimore*, and his Heirs, ſhall aſſemble in ſuch Sort and Form as to him or them ſhall ſeem beſt: And the ſame Laws duly to execute upon all People, within the ſaid Province, and limits thereof, for the Time being, or that ſhall be conſtituted under the Government, and Power of him or them, either ſailing towards *Mary-land*, or returning from thence toward *England*, or any other of ours, or foreign Dominions, by Impoſition of Penalties,

Power to enact Laws

to make Laws

the Aſſent of Delegates

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Impriſonment, or any other Puniſhment; yea if it ſhall be needful, & that the quality of the Offence require it, by taking away member or life, either by him the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, & his Heirs, or by his or their Deputies, Lieutenants, Judges, Juſtices, Magiſtrates, Officers, and Miniſters, to be ordained or appointed, according to the Tenor and true Intention of theſe Preſents: And likewiſe to appoint and eſtabliſh any Judges & Juſtices, Magiſtrates and Officers, whatſoever, at Sea and Land, for what Cauſe ſoever, and with what power ſoever, and in ſuch form, as to the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, or his Heirs ſhall ſeems moſt convenient: Alſo to remit, releaſe, pardon and aboliſh, whether before Judgment, or after, all Crimes or Offences whatſoever, againſt the ſaid Laws: & to do all and every other thing or things, which unto the compleat Eſtabliſhment of Juſtice, unto Courts, Prætories, and Tribunals, forms of Judicature, & manners of proceeding do belong: Altho' in theſe Preſents, expreſs Mention be not made thereof, & by Judges by them delegated, to award Proceſs, hold Pleas, & determine in all the ſaid courts & Tribunals, all Actions, ſuits, and Cauſes whatſoever as well criminal, as civil, perſonal, real, mixt and prætorial; which laws, ſo as afore ſaid to be publiſhed, Our Pleaſure is,

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& ſo we enjoin, require, and command, ſhall be moſt abſolute & available in Law, & that all the Liege-People, and ſubjects, of us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do obſerve & keep the ſame inviolably, in thoſe parts, ſo far as they concern them, under the pains therein expreſſed, or to be expreſſed: Provided nevertheleſs, that the ſaid laws be conſonant to Reaſon, and be not repugnant or contrary, but as near as conveniently may be, agreeable to the laws, Statutes, Cuſtoms and rights of this Our Kingdom of *England*.

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& Laws of England

And foraſmuch, as in the Government of ſo great a Province, ſudden Accidents do often happen, whereunto it will be neceſſary to apply a Remedy, before the Freeholders of the ſaid Province, their Delegates, or Deputies, can be aſſembled to the making of laws, neither will it be convenient, that inſtantly upon every ſuch emergent Occaſion ſo great a Multitude ſhould be called together, therefore for the better Government of the ſaid Province, we will and ordain, & by theſe preſents for us, our Heirs & Succeſſors, do grant unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltimore*, and his heirs, that the ſaid now Lord *Baltimore*, & his heirs, by themſelves, or by their Magiſtrates and Officers in that Behalf duely to be ordained as aforeſaid, may make and conſtitute, fit and wholeſome Ordinances, from Time to Time, within the ſaid Province, to be kept

& Baltimore his Magistrates or officers may make & ordain Laws

Impriſonment, or any other Puniſhment; yea if it ſhall be needful, & that the quality of the Offence require it, by taking away member or life, either by him the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, & his Heirs, or by his or their Deputies, Lieutenants, Judges, Juſtices, Magiſtrates, Officers, and Miniſters, to be ordained or appointed, according to the Tenor and true Intention of theſe Preſents: And likewiſe to appoint and eſtabliſh any Judges & Juſtices, Magiſtrates and Officers, whatſoever, at Sea and Land, for what Cauſe ſoever, and with what power ſoever, and in ſuch form, as to the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, or his Heirs ſhall ſeems moſt convenient: Alſo to remit, releaſe, pardon and aboliſh, whether before Judgment, or after, all Crimes or Offences whatſoever, againſt the ſaid Laws: & to do all and every other thing or things, which unto the compleat Eſtabliſhment of Juſtice, unto Courts, Prætories, and Tribunals, forms of Judicature, & manners of proceeding do belong: Altho' in theſe Preſents, expreſs Mention be not made thereof, & by Judges by them delegated, to award Proceſs, hold Pleas, & determine in all the ſaid courts & Tribunals, all Actions, ſuits, and Cauſes whatſoever as well criminal, as civil, perſonal, real, mixt and prætorial; which laws, ſo as afore ſaid to be publiſhed, Our Pleaſure is,

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& ſo we enjoin, require, and command, ſhall be moſt abſolute & available in Law, & that all the Liege-People, and ſubjects, of us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do obſerve & keep the ſame inviolably, in thoſe parts, ſo far as they concern them, under the pains therein expreſſed, or to be expreſſed: Provided nevertheleſs, that the ſaid laws be conſonant to Reaſon, and be not repugnant or contrary, but as near as conveniently may be, agreeable to the laws, Statutes, Cuſtoms and rights of this Our Kingdom of *England*.

And foraſmuch, as in the Government of ſo great a Province, ſudden Accidents do often happen, whereunto it will be neceſſary to apply a Remedy, before the Freeholders of the ſaid Province, their Delegates, or Deputies, can be aſſembled to the making of laws, neither will it be convenient, that inſtantly upon every ſuch emergent Occaſion ſo great a Multitude ſhould be called together, therefore for the better Government of the ſaid Province, we will and ordain, & by theſe preſents for us, our Heirs & Succeſſors, do grant unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltimore*, and his heirs, that the ſaid now Lord *Baltimore*, & his heirs, by themſelves, or by their Magiſtrates and Officers in that Behalf duely to be ordained as aforeſaid, may make and conſtitute, fit and wholeſome Ordinances, from Time to Time, within the ſaid Province, to be kept

& obſerved, as well for the Preſervation of the Peace, as for the better Government of the People there inhabiting, and publickly to notify the ſame to all Perſons, whom the ſame doth, or any Way may concern; which Ordinances, Our Pleaſure is, ſhall be obſerved inviolably within the ſaid Province, under the pains therein to be expreſſed. So as the ſaid Ordinances be conſonant to reaſon, & be not repugnant nor contrary, but ſo far as conveniently may be, agreeable with the Laws and Statutes of our Kingdom of *England*, and ſo as the ſaid Ordinances be not extended, in any Sort to bind, charge, or take away the right or Intereſt of any Perſon, or Perſons, of, or in their Life, Member, Freehold, Goods, or Chattels.

Furthermore that this new Colony may the more happily encreaſe by the Multitude of People reſorting thither, & may likewiſe be the more ſtrongly defended from the Incurſions of Salvages, or other Enemies, Pyrates, and Robbers: Therefore we, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do give and grant by theſe Preſents, power, Licence and Liberty unto all the liege-People, & ſubjects, both preſent and future, of us, our heirs, & Succeſſors (excepting thoſe who ſhall be ſpecially forbidden) to tranſport themſelves

Licence to go to Maryland.

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& Familys unto the ſaid Province, with convenient ſhipping and fitting Proviſions, and there to ſettle themſelves, dwell and inhabit, and to build, and fortify Caſtles, Forts, and other Places of Strength, for the publick, and their own private Defence, at the Appointment of the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, & his Heirs, the Statute of Fugitives, or any other whatſoever, the contrary of the Premiſes, in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

People born in Maryland made Denizens of England.

And we will alſo, and of our more ſpecial Grace, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do ſtraightly enjoin, conſtitute, ordain, and command that the ſaid Province ſhall be of our Allegiance, and that all and ſingular the Subjects and Liege-people of us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, tranſported, or to be tranſported into the ſaid Province, and the Children of them, and of ſuch as ſhall deſcend from them, there already born, or hereafter to be born, be, and ſhall be Denizens and Lieges of us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, of our Kingdom of *England*, and *Ireland*, and be in all Things held, treated, reputed and eſteemed as the liege faithfull People of us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, born withiu our Kingdom of *England*; & likewiſe any Lands, Tenements, Revenues, Services, and other Hereditaments whatſoever, within

our Kingdom of *England*, and other our Dominions, may inherit, or otherwiſe purchaſe, receive, take, have, hold, buy, & poſſeſs, & them may occupy, & enjoy, give, ſell, aliene, and bequeath, as likewiſe, all Liberties, Franchiſes, and Priviledges, of this our Kingdom of *England*, freely, quietly, and peaceably, have & poſſeſs, occupy and enjoy, as our liege people, born, or to be born, within our ſaid Kingdom of *England*, without the let, Moleſtation, vexation, trouble or Grievance, of us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors; Any Statute, Act, Ordinance, or Proviſion to the contrary thereof not withſtanding.

Licence to tranſport goods and merchandiſe.

And furthermore, that our Subjects may be the rather encouraged to undertake this Expedition, with ready and chearfull Minds; know ye, that we of our ſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, do give & grant, by vertue of theſe preſents, as well unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, and his Heirs, as to all other that ſhall from Time to Time repair unto that Province, with a Purpoſe to inhabit there, or to trade with the Natives of the ſaid Province, full Licenſe to lade and fraight in any Ports whatſoever, of us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, and into the ſaid Province of *Mary land*, by them, their Servants

Servants or Aſſigns, to tranſport, all and ſingular, their Goods, Wares, and Merchandiſe; as likewiſe all ſorts of Grain whatſoever and any other things whatſoever, neceſſary for Food or Clothing (not prohibited by the laws and Statutes of our Kingdoms and Dominions to be carried out of the ſaid Kingdoms) without any let, or Moleſtation of us, our Heirs, or Succeſſors, or of any of the Officers of us, our Heirs or Succeſſors; (ſaving always to us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, the Impoſitions, Cuſtoms, and other duties and payments for the ſaid Wares, and Merchandiſe) any Statute, Act, Ordinance or other thing whatſoever to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And becauſe in ſo remote a Country, & ſituate amongſt ſo many barbarous nations, the Incurſion as well of the Salvages themſelves, as of other *Enemies*, *Pyrates*, & *Robbers*, may probably be feared: Therefore we have given, & for us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do give Power by theſe Preſents, unto the now Lord *Baltemore*, his Heirs, or Aſſigns, by themſelves, or their Captains, or other their Officers, to leavy, muſter and train, all Sorts of Men, of what Condition or where ſoever born, in the ſaid Province of *Mary-land* for the time being, and to make War, and to purſue, the *Enemies* and *Robbers* aforeſaid, *Power of War and peace.*

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as well by Sea as by Land, yea, even without the limits of the ſaid Province, and (by Gods Aſſiſtance) to vanquiſh & take them, & being taken, to put them to Death by the Law of War, or to ſave them at their Pleaſure, & to do all and every other thing which unto the Charge and Office of a Captain General of an Army belongeth, or hath accuſtomed to belong, as fully and freely, as any Captain General of an Army, hath ever had the ſame.

Alſo our Will and Pleaſure is, and by this our Charter, We do give unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his Heirs, and Aſſigns, full *Power*, *Liberty*, & *Authority*, in Caſe of *Rebellion*, *Tumult* or *Sedition*, if any ſhould happen, (which God forbid) either upon the Land within the *Province* aforeſaid, or upon the *Main Sea*, in making a Voyage thither, or returning from thence, by themſelves, or their *Captains*, *Deputies*, or other Officers, to be authorized under their Seals for that Purpoſe (to whom we alſo, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do give and grant by theſe Preſents, full Power and Authority) to exerciſe Martial Law againſt mutinous and ſeditious perſons of thoſe parts, ſuch as ſhall refuſe to ſubmit themſelves, to his, or their Government, or ſhall refuſe to ſerve in the Wars, or ſhall fly to the Enemy or forſake their Enſigns, or be Loyterers, or Straglers,

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Straglers, or otherwiſe however offending againſt the Law, Cuſtom, and Diſcipline Military, as freely, and in as ample Manner and Form, as any Captain general of an Army by vertue of his Office, might, or hath, accuſtomed to uſe the ſame.

Power to confer Honour

Furthermore, that the Way to Honours & Dignities, may not ſeem to be altogether precluded and ſhut up, to Men well born, & ſuch as ſhall prepare themſelves unto this preſent Plantation, and ſhall deſire to deſerve well of us, & our Kingdoms, both in Peace and War, in ſo far diſtant & remote a Country: Therefore we, for us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do give free, and abſolute Power, unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, to confer favours, rewards, and Honours, upon ſuch Inhabitants within the Province aforeſaid, as ſhall deſerve the ſame; & to inveſt them, with what Titles & Dignities ſoever, as he ſhall think fit, (ſo as they be not ſuch as are now uſed in *England*) As likewiſe to erect and incorporate, Towns into Boroughs, & Boroughs into Cities, with convenient Priviledges and Immunities, according to the Merit of the Inhabitants, and fitneſs of the Places, and to do all and every other thing or things, touching the Premiſes, which to him, or them, ſhall ſeem meet and requiſite;

requiſite; albeit they be ſuch as of their own Nature might otherwiſe require a more ſpecial Commandment and Warrant, than in theſe Preſents is expreſſed.

We will alſo, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do give & grant Licenſe, by this our Charter, unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, & to all the Inhabitants and Dwellers in the ſaid Province aforeſaid, both preſent and to come, to import, or unlade, by themſelves, or their Servants, Factors, or Aſſigns, all Merchandizes & Goods whatſoever, that ſhall ariſe of the Fruits and Commodities of the ſaid province, either by Land or Sea, into any of the Ports of us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, in our Kingdoms of *England* or *Ireland*, or otherwiſe to diſpoſe of the ſaid Goods, in the ſaid Ports, & if need be, within one year next after the unlading of the ſame, to lade the ſaid Merchandiſes and Goods again, into the ſame or other Ships, and to export the ſame into any other Countrys, either of our Dominion or forreign, (being in Amity with us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors) provided always that they pay ſuch Cuſtoms, Impoſitions, Subſidies & Duties for the ſame, to us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, as the reſt of our Subjects of our Kingdom of *England*, for the Time being, ſhall be bound to pay: Beyond which, we will not that the

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bitants of the foreſaid Province of *Mary-land* ſhall be any way charged.

And furthermore of our more ample and ſpecial grace, certain knowledge & meer motion, we do, for us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, grant unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his *Heirs* & *Aſſigns* full and abſolute Power and Authority, to make, erect, and conſtitute, within the Province of *Mary-land*, and the Iſles and Ilets aforeſaid, ſuch, & ſo many Sea-ports, Harbours, Creeks and other Places for diſcharge & unlading of goods and Merchandiſes, out of Ships, Boats, and other veſſels, & lading them, and in ſuch and ſo many Places, and with ſuch Rights, Juriſdictions, Liberties and Priviledges, unto the ſaid ports belonging as to him or them ſhall ſeem moſt expedient. And that all and ſingular the Ships boats, and other Veſſels, which ſhall come for Merchandiſe and trade unto the ſaid Province, or out of the ſame ſhall depart; ſhall be laden and unladen only at ſuch Ports as ſhall be ſo erected and conſtituted by the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his heirs or Aſſigns, any Uſe, Cuſtom, or other thing to the contrary notwithſtanding; ſaving always unto us, our Heirs & ſucceſſors, and to all the Subjects (of our Kingdom of *England* and *Ireland*) of us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, free liberty of fiſhing for Sea fiſh, as well in the Sea, Bays, Inlets, & navigable Rivers, as in the Harbours, Bays, and

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requſite; albeit they be ſuch as of their own Nature might otherwiſe require a more ſpecial Commandment and Warrant, than in theſe Preſents is expreſſed.

We will alſo, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do give & grant Licenſe, by this our Charter, unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, & to all the Inhabitants and Dwellers in the ſaid Province aforeſaid, both preſent and to come, to import, or unlade, by themſelves, or their Servants, Factors, or Aſſigns, all Merchandiſes & Goods whatſoever, that ſhall ariſe of the Fruits and Commodities of the ſaid province, either by Land or Sea, into any of the Ports of us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, in our Kingdoms of *England* or *Ireland*, or otherwiſe to diſpoſe of the ſaid Goods, in the ſaid Ports, & if need be, within one year next after the unlading of the ſame, to lade the ſaid Merchandiſes and Goods again, into the ſame or other Ships, and to export the ſame into any other Countrys, either of our Dominion or forreign, (being in Amity with us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors) provided always that they pay ſuch Cuſtoms, Impoſitions, Subſidies & Duties for the ſame, to us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, as the reſt of our Subjects of our Kingdom of *England*, for the Time being, ſhall be bound to pay: Beyond which, we will not that the

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bitants of the foreſaid Province of *Mary-land* ſhall be any way charged.

And furthermore of our more ample and ſpecial grace, certain knowledge & meer motion, we do, for us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, grant unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his *Heirs* & *Aſſigns* full and abſolute Power and Authority, to make, erect, and conſtitute, within the Province of *Mary-land*, and the Iſles and Ilets aforeſaid, ſuch, & ſo many Sea-ports, Harbours, Creeks and other Places for diſcharge & unlading of goods and Merchandiſes, out of Ships, Boats, and other veſſels, & lading them, and in ſuch and ſo many Places, and with ſuch Rights, Juriſdictions, Liberties and Priviledges, unto the ſaid Ports belonging as to him or them ſhall ſeem moſt expedient. And that all and ſingular the Ships boats, and other Veſſels, which ſhall come for Merchandiſe and trade unto the ſaid Province, or out of the ſame ſhall depart; ſhall be laden and unladen only at ſuch Ports as ſhall be ſo erected and conſtituted by the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his heirs or Aſſigns, any Uſe, Cuſtom, or other thing to the contrary notwithſtanding; ſaving always unto us, our Heirs & ſucceſſors, and to all the Subjects (of our Kingdom of *England* and *Ireland*) of us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, free liberty of fiſhing for Sea fiſh, as well in the Sea, Bays, Inlets, & navigable Rivers, as in the Harbours, Bays, and

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We do furthermore will, appoint & ordain and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do grant unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his heirs and aſſigns, that he the ſaid Lord *Baltemore*, his heirs and aſſigns may from time to time for ever, have and enjoy, the Cuſtoms and Subſidies, in the ports, Harbours, and other Creeks and places aforeſaid, within the province aforeſaid; payable, or due for Merchandiſes and Wares, there to be laded or unladed, the ſaid Cuſtoms & ſubſidies

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ſidies to be reaſonably aſſeſſed (upon any occaſion) by themſelves & the People there, as aforeſaid; to whom we give Power by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors upon juſt Cauſe, and in a due Proportion, to aſſeſs and impoſe the ſame. *to be aſſeſſed by People*

And further, of our ſpecial grace, and of our certain knowledge, and meer motion, we have, given, granted & confirmed, & by theſe Preſents for us, our heirs and Succeſſors, do give, grant & confirm unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his heirs and aſſigns, full and abſolute Licenſe, power and authority, that he the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his heirs & Aſſigns, from time to time hereafter for ever, at his, or their will & pleaſure, may aſſign, alien grant, demiſe, or enfeoff, of the premiſes ſo many, & ſuch parts and parcels, to him, or them, that ſhall be willing to purchaſe the ſame, as they ſhall think fit, to have & to hold to them the ſaid perſon or perſons, willing to take or purchaſe the ſame, their Heirs & Aſſigns, in fee ſimple, or fee tail, or for term of Life, or Lives or years, to be held of the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his heirs, and aſſigns by ſuch ſervices, cuſtoms and rents, as ſhall ſeem fit to the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his Heirs and Aſſigns; and not immediately of us our heirs, or Succeſſors: & to the ſame perſon or perſons, & to all and every of them, we do give, and grant by theſe preſents for us, our *Power to aſſign*

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And further, of our ſpecial grace, and of our certain knowledge, and meer motion, we have, given, granted & confirmed, & by theſe Preſents for us, our heirs and Succeſſors, do give, grant & confirm unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his heirs and aſſigns, full and abſolute Licenſe, power and authority, that he the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his heirs & Aſſigns, from time to time hereafter for ever, at his, or their will & pleaſure, may aſſign, alien grant, demiſe, or enfeoff, of the premiſes ſo many, & ſuch parts and parcels, to him, or them, that ſhall be willing to purchaſe the ſame, as they ſhall think fit, to have & to hold to them the ſaid perſon or perſons, willing to take or purchaſe the ſame, their Heirs & Aſſigns, in fee ſimple, or fee tail, or for term of Life, or Lives or years, to be held of the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his heirs, and aſſigns by ſuch ſervices, cuſtoms and rents, as ſhall ſeem fit to the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his Heirs and Aſſigns; and not immediately of us our heirs, or Succeſſors: & to the ſame perſon or perſons, & to all and every of them, we do give, and grant by theſe preſents for us, our

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heirs, and Succeſſors, licenſe, authority and power, that ſuch Perſon or Perſons, may take the Premiſes, or any Parcel thereof, of the fore ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his heirs or aſſigns and the ſame hold to themſelves, their heirs, or aſſigns (in what eſtate of Inheritance ſoever, in fee ſimple, or in fee tail, or otherwiſe, as to them, & the now Lord *Baltemore*, his heirs and aſſigns, ſhall ſeem expedient) of the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his heirs & aſſigns, the Statute made in the Parliament of *Edward*, Son of King *Henry*, late King of *England*, our Predeceſſor, commonly called the Statute *Quia emptores terrarum*, lately publiſhed in our Kingdom of *England*, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, Uſe, Law, Cuſtom, or any other thing, cauſe, or Matter, thereupon heretofore had, done, publiſhed, ordained, or provided to the contrary, in any wiſe notwithſtanding; and by theſe preſents we give, & grant licenſe unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, and his heirs, to erect any Parcels of Land within the Province aforeſaid into Mannors, & in every of the ſaid Mannors, to have, and to hold a *Court Baron*, with all things whatſoever, which to a *Court Baron* do belong, & to have & hold View of *Franck-Pledge*, (for the Conſervation of the Peace, & the better Government of thoſe parts) by themſelves, or their Stewards, or by the Lords for the time being of other Mannors

nors to be deputed, when they ſhall be erected: and in the ſame, to uſe all things belonging to *View of Franck-Pledge*.

And further, our pleaſure is, and by theſe Preſents for us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, we do covenant and grant to and with the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his Heirs and Aſſigns; That we, our *Heirs* & *Succeſſors*, ſhall at no time hereafter, ſet, or make, or cauſe to be ſet, any Impoſition, Cuſtom, or other Taxation, Rate, or Contribution whatſoever, in or upon the dwellers & Inhabitants of the foreſaid province, for their *Lands*, *Tenements*, *Goods* or *Chattels* within the ſaid Province, or in or upon any *Goods* or *Merchandiſes*, within the ſaid Province, or to be laden, or unladen within any the Ports or Harbours of the ſaid Province: And our pleaſure is, and for us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, we charge and command, that this our Declaration ſhall be henceforward from time to time received, & allowed in all our Courts, and before all the Judges of us, our *Heirs* and *Succeſſors*, for a ſufficient & lawful diſcharge, payment, and acquittance: Commanding all and ſingular, our Officers and Miniſters of us, our Heirs, & Succeſſors, and enjoyning them upon pain of our high Diſpleaſure, that they do not preſume at any time to attempt any thing to the contrary of the premiſes, or that they do in any ſort withſtand the ſame, but that they be

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at all times aiding and aſſiſting, as is fitting, unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, and his *Heirs*, and to the Inhabitants, and Merchants of *Mary-land* aforeſaid, their *Servants*, *Miniſters*, *Factors* and *Aſſigns*, in the full uſe and fruition of the benefit of this our Charter. And further our pleaſure is, and by theſe preſents for us our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do grant unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, and to the Tenants and Inhabitants of the ſaid Province of *Mary-land*, both preſent, and to come, and to every of them, that the ſaid Province, Tenants, and Inhabitants of the ſaid *Colony* or *Countrey*, ſhall not from henceforth be held or reputed as a member, or apart of the land of *Virginia*, or of any other Colony whatſoever, now tranſported, or hereafter to be tranſported, nor ſhall be depending on, or ſubject to their government in any thing, from whom We do ſeparate that, and them, and Our pleaſure is, by theſe Preſents that they be ſeparated, and that they be ſubject immediately to Our Crown of *England*, as depending thereof for ever.

And If Perchance hereafter it ſhould happen, that any doubts or queſtions ſhould ariſe, concerning the true ſence & underſtanding of any *word*, *clauſe*, or *ſentence* contained in this our preſent Charter, We will, ordain, and command, that at all times, & in all things, ſuch Inter-

Interpretation be made there of, & allowed in any of Our Courts whatſoever, as ſhall be judged moſt advantagious, and favourable unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, his Heirs and Aſſigns. Provided always, that no Interpretation be admitted thereof, by which Gods Holy and Truly Chriſtian Religion, or the allegiance due unto Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, may in any thing ſuffer any prejudice, or diminution.

Although expreſs mention be not made in theſe Preſents, of the true yearly value, or certainty of the premiſes, or of any part thereof, or of other gifts and grants, made by Us, Our Heirs, and Predeceſſors, unto the ſaid now Lord *Baltemore*, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Proviſion, Proclamation or reſtraint heretoforc had, mnde, publiſhed, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, cauſe, or matter whatſoever to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

In Witneſs whereof, We have cauſed theſe Our Letters to be made Pattents, Witneſs Our ſelf at *Weſtminſter*, the Twentith day of *June*, In the Eighth Year of Our Reign.

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Interpretation be made thereof, & allowed in any of Our Courts whatsoever, as shall be judged most advantagious, and favourable unto the said now Lord Baronets, his Heirs and Assigns. Provided always, that no Interpretation be admitted thereof, by which Gods Holy and Truly Christian Religion, or the allegiance due unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, may in any thing suffer any prejudice, or diminution.

Although express mention be not made in these Presents, of the true yearly value, or certainty of the premisses, or of any part thereof, or of other gifts and grants, made by Us, Our Heirs, and Predecessors: Also, the said now Lord [illegible] or any Act, Ordinance, Provision, Proclamation or Restraint heretofore had, made, published, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, cause, or matter whatsoever to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

In Witness whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our self at Westminster, the Twenth day of June, In the Eighth Year of Our Reign.

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